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THE BLACK ROBE.

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CHAPTER III.—THE HARVEST IS REAPED.

On their way through the streets, Father Benwell talked as persistently of the news of the day as if he had nothing else in his thoughts. To keep his companion's mind in a state of suspense was, in certain emergencies, to exert a useful preparatory influence over a man of Romayne's character. Even when they reached his lodgings the priest still hesitated to approach the object that he had in view. He made considerate inquiries in the character of a hospitable man.

"They breakfast early at the Retreat," he said. "What may I offer you?"

"I want nothing, thank you," Romayne answered, with an effort to control his habitual impatience of needless delay.

"Pardon me—we have a long interview before us, I fear. Our bodily necessities, Romayne (excuse me if I take the friendly liberty of suppressing the formal 'Mr.')—our bodily necessities are not to be trifled with. A bottle of my famous claret, and a few biscuits will not hurt either of us." He rang the bell and gave the necessary directions. "Another damp day," he went on, cheerfully. "I hope you don't pay the rheumatic penalties of a winter residence in England? Ah, this glorious country would be too perfect if it possessed the delicious climate of Rome!"

The wine and biscuits were brought in. Father Benwell filled the glasses and bowed cordially to his guest.

"Nothing of this sort at the Retreat," he said, gayly. "Excellent water, I am told—which is a luxury in its way, especially in London. Well, my dear Romayne, I must begin by making my apologies. You, no doubt, thought me a little abrupt in running away with you from your retirement, at a moment's notice?"

"I believed that you had good reasons, Father, and that was enough for me."

"Thank you; you do me justice; it was in your best interests that I acted. There are men of phlegmatic temperament, over whom the wise monotony of discipline at the Retreat exercises a wholesome influence—I mean an influence which may be prolonged with advantage. You are not one of those persons. Protracted seclusion and monotony of life are morally and mentally unprofitable to a man of your ardent disposition. I abstained from mentioning these reasons at the time out of a feeling of regard for our excellent resident director, who believes unreservedly in the institution over which he presides. Very good. The Retreat has done all that it could usefully do in your case. We must think next of how to employ that mental activity which, rightfully developed, is one of the most valuable qualities that you possess. Let me ask, first, if you have in some degree recovered your tranquillity?"

"I feel like a different man, Father Benwell."

"That's right! And your nervous sufferings—I don't ask what they are, I only want to know if you experience a sense of relief?"

"A most welcome sense of relief," Romayne answered, with a revival of the enthusiasm of other days. "The complete change in all my thoughts and convictions which I owe to you—"

"And to dear Penrose," Father Benwell interposed, with the prompt sense of ustice which no man could more becomingly assume. "We must not forget Arthur."

"Forget him?" Romayne repeated. "Not a day passes without my thinking of him. It is one of the happy results of the change in me that my mind does not dwell bitterly on the loss of him now. I think of Penrose with admiration, as of one whose glorious life, with all its dangers, I should like to share."

He spoke with a rising color and brightening eyes. Already the absorbent capacity of the Roman Church had drawn to itself that sympathetic side of his character which was also one of it strongest sides. Truly and deeply indeed had the physician, consulted in bygone days, reasoned on Romayne' case! That "occurrence of some new and absorbing influence in his life," of which the doctor had spoken—that "working of some complete change in his habits or thought"—had found its way to him at last, after the wife s simple devotion had failed, through the subtler ministrations of the priest.

"No," said Father Benwell, "Your life must not be the life of our dear friend. The service on which the Church employs Penrose is not the fit service for you. You have other claims on us." Romayne looked at his spiritual adviser with a momentary change of expression, a relapse into the ironical bitterness of the past time.

"Have you forgotten that I am, and can be, only a layman?" he asked. "What claims can I have, except the common claim of all faithful members of the church on the good offices of the priesthood?" He paused for a moment, and continued with the abruptness of a man struck by a new idea. "Yes! I have perhaps one small claim of my own—the claim of being allowed to do my duty."

"In what respect, dear Romayne?"

"Surely, you can guess? I am a rich man; I have money lying idle, which it is my duty (and my privilege) to devote to the charities and necessities of the church. And, while I am speaking of this, I must own that I am a little surprised at your having said nothing to me on the subject. You have never yet pointed out to me the manner in which I might devote my money to the best and noblest uses. Was it forgetfulness on your part?"

Father Benwell shook his head.

"No," he replied; "I can't honestly say that."

"Then you had a reason for your silence?"

"Yes."

"May I not know it?"

Father Benwell got up and walked to the fireplace. Now there are various methods of getting up and walking to a fireplace, and they find their way to outward expression through the customary means of look and manner. We may feel cold, and may only want to warm ourselves. Or we may feel restless and may need an excuse for changing our position. Or we may feel modestly confused, and may be anxious to hide it. Father Benwell, from head to foot, expressed modest confusion and polite anxiety to hide it.

"My good friend," he said, "I am afraid of hurting your feelings."

Romayne was a sincere convert, but there were instincts still left in him which resented this expression of regard, even when it proceeded from a man whom he respected and admired."

"You will hurt my feelings," he answered, a little sharply, "if you are not plain with me."

"Then I will be plain with you," Father Benwell rejoined. "The church—speaking through me as her unworthy interpreter—feels a certain delicacy in approaching you on the subject of money."

"Why?"

Father Benwell left the fireplace without immediately answering. He opened a drawer and took out of it a flat mahogany box. His gracious familiarity became transformed by some mysterious process of congelation into a dignified formality of manner. The priest took the place of the man.

"The church, Mr. Romayne, hesitates to receive, as benevolent contributions, money derived from property of its own arbitrarily taken from it and placed in a layman's hands. No!" he cried, interrupting Romayne, who instantly understood the allusion to Vange Abbey. "No! I must beg you to hear me out. I state the case plainly at your own request. At the same time I am bound to admit that the lapse of centuries has, in the eye of the law, sanctioned the deliberate act of robbery perpetrated by Henry the Eighth. You have lawfully inherited Vange Abbey from your ancestors. The church is not unreasonable enough to assert a merely moral right against the law of the country. It may feel the act of spoliation—but it submits." He unlocked the flat mahogany box and gently dropped his dignity; the man took the place of the priest. "As the master of Vange," he said, "you may be interested in looking at a little historical curiosity which we have preserved. The title-deeds, dear Romayne, by which the monks held your present property in their time. Take another glass of wine."

Romayne looked at the title-deeds and laid them aside unread.

Father Benwell had roused his pride, his sense of justice, his wild and lavish instincts of generosity. He who had always despised money—except when it assumed its only estimable character as a means for the attainment of merciful and noble ends—he was in possession of property to which he had no moral right, without even the poor excuse of associations which attached him to the place.

"I hope I have not offended you?" said Father Benwell.

"You have made me ashamed of myself," Romayne answered, warmly. "On the day when I became a Catholic I ought to have remembered Vange. Better late than never. I refuse to take shelter under the law—I respect the moral right of the church. I will at once restore the property which I have usurped."

Father Benwell took both Romayne's hands in his and pressed them fervently.

"I am proud of you!" he said. "We shall all be proud of you when I write word to Rome of what has passed between us. But—no, Romayne, this must not be! I admire you, I feel with you; and I refuse. On behalf of the church, I say it—I refuse the gift."

"Wait a little, Father Benwell! You don't know the state of my affairs. I don t deserve the admiration which you feel for me. The loss of the Vange property will be no pecuniary loss in my case. I have inherited a fortune from my aunt. My income from that source is far larger than my income from the Yorkshire property."

"Romayne, it must not be."

"Pardon me, it must be. I have more money than I can spend without Vange. And I have painful associations with the house which disincline me ever to enter it again."

Even this confession failed to move Father Benwell. He obstinately crossed his arms, obstinately tapped his foot on the floor.

"No," he said. "Plead as generously as you may, my answer is, No."

Romayne only became more resolute on his side.

"The property is absolutely my own," he persisted. "I am without a near relation in the world. I have no children. My wife, if I die before her, will be amply provided for. It is downright obstinacy—forgive me for saying so—to persist in your refusal."

"It is downright duty, Romayne. If I gave way to you, I should be the means of exposing the priesthood to the vilest misinterpretation. I should be deservedly reprimanded, and your proposed deed of gift would, without a moment's hesitation, be torn up. If you have any regard for me, drop the subject."

Romayne refused to yield, even to this unanswerable appeal.

"Very well," he said, "there is one document you can't tear up. You can't interfere with my making another will. I shall leave the Vange property to the church, and I shall appoint you one of the trustees. You can't object to that."

Even rigorous Father Benwell was now at a loss for any further expression of honorable protest. He could only plead sadly and submissively for an immediate change of subject. "No more, dear Romayne, you distress me? What were we talking of before this unfortunate topic turned up?"

He filled the glasses, he offered more biscuits; he was really and even perceptibly agitated.

Noticing this unusual expression of feeling, Romayne began to regret that he had not more gently expressed his intentions to his sensitive and excellent friend.

In offering the hospitality of his lodgings the Vange property had been the object which Father Benwell kept in view. He had gained the victory for the church without (to do him justice) thinking of himself; like Romayne he cared nothing for money for his own sake. The necessity that now remained was to make the victory secure. He had resisted the temptation to accept the deed of gift in Romayne's lifetime. The restoration in that form, while there remained a possibility of an heir being born to the estate, would, under those circumstances, have led to a public scandal. On the other hand, a testamentary legacy (especially in the absence of an heir) would be an unassailable proof of the testator's attachment to the church of which he had become a member. Still, even with these prospective advantages, adverse chances might lead, as things were, to a revocation of the will unless some serious obstacle could be placed in the way of any future change of purpose on the part of Romayne.

Father Benwell had long since made up his mind as to the choice of an obstacle. The agitation which he betrayed had its origin in his own keen sense of the perils that threatened him in safely setting the obstacle up. Under astute encouragement Romayne had become a Catholic, and had pledged himself to restore the Vange property. Under astute encouragement there remained one more act of submission—serious and even formidable in the consequences that it involved—into which it was now necessary to lead the new convert. Even the priest's steady nerves were shaken by the prospect before him.

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Romayne sat looking thoughtfully into the fire. Father Benwell, walking up and down the room, was the first to break the silence.

"What was it I had to say to you?" he resumed. "Surely, I was speaking on the subject of your future life, and the right employment of your energies?"

"You are very kind, Father Benwell. The subject has little interest for me. My future life is shaped out—domestic retirement, ennobled by religious duties."

Still pacing the room, Father Benwell stopped at that reply, and put his hand kindly on Romayne's shoulder.

"We don't allow a good Catholic to drift into domestic retirement who is worthy of better things," he said. "The church, Romayne, wishes to make use of you. I never flattered any one in my life; but I may say before your face what I have said behind your back. A man of your strict sense of honor, of your intellect, of your high aspirations, of your personal charm and influence, is not a man whom we can allow to run to waste. Open your mind, my friend, fairly to me, and I will open my mind fairly to you. Let me set the example. I say it, with authority, an enviable future is before you."

Romayne's pale cheeks flushed with excitement.

"What future?" he asked, eagerly. "Am I free to choose? Must I remind you that a man with a wife cannot think only of himself?"

"Suppose you were not a man with a wife?"

"What do you mean?"

"Romayne, I am trying to break my way through that inveterate reserve which is one of the failings in your character. Unless you can prevail upon yourself to tell me those secret thoughts, those unexpressed regrets which you can confide to no other man, this conversation must come to an end. You have found a refuge in the bosom of the Catholic church. Is there no yearning in your inmost soul for anything beyond the position which you now occupy?"

There was a pause. The flush on Romayne's face faded away. He was silent.

"You are not in the confessional," Father Benwell reminded him, with melancholy submission to circumstances. "You are under no obligation to answer me."

Romayne roused himself. He spoke in low, reluctant tones. "I am afraid to answer you," he said.

That apparently discouraging reply armed Father Benwell with the absolute confidence of success which he had thus far failed to feel. He wound his way deeper and deeper into Romayne's mind with the delicate ingenuity of penetration of which the practice of years had made him master.

"Perhaps I have failed to make myself clearly understood," he said. "I will try to put it more plainly. You are no half-hearted man, Romayne. What you believe, you believe fervently. Impressions are not dimly and slowly produced on your mind. As the necessary result, your conversion being once accomplished, your whole soul is given to the faith that is in you. Do I read your character rightly?"

"So far as I know it—yes."

Father Benwell went on.

"Bear in mind what I have just said," he resumed, "and you will understand why I feel it my duty to press the question which you have not answered yet. You have found in the Catholic faith the peace of mind which you have failed to obtain by other means. If I had been dealing with an ordinary man I should have expected from the change no happier results than this. But I ask you has that blessed influence taken no deeper and nobler hold on your heart? Can you say to me, 'I am content with what I have gained; I wish for no more?'"

"I cannot truly say it," Romayne answered.

The time had now come again for speaking plainly. Father Benwell no longer advanced to his end under cover of a cloud of words.

"A little while since," he said, "you spoke of Penrose as of a man whose lot in life you longed to share. The career which has associated him with an Indian mission is, as I told you, only adapted to a man of his special character and special gifts. But the career which has carried him into the sacred ranks of the priesthood is open to every man who feels the sense of divine vocation which has made Penrose one of us."

"No, Father Benwell! Not open to every man."

"I say yes."

"It is not open to me."

"I say it is open to you. And more—I enjoin, I command you to dismiss from your mind all human obstacles and discouragements. They are beneath the notice of a man who feels himself called to the priesthood. Give me your hand, Romayne! Does your conscience tell you that you are that man?"

Romayne started to his feet, shaken to the soul by the solemnity of the appeal.

"I can't dismiss the obstacles that surround me!" he cried, passionately. "To a man in my position your advice is absolutely useless. The ties that bind me are beyond the limit of a priest's sympathies."

"Nothing is beyond the limits of a priest's sympathies."

"Father Benwell, I am married!"

Father Benwell folded his arms over his breast, looked with immovable resolution straight into Romayne's face, and struck the blow which he had been meditating for months past.

"Rouse your courage," he said, sternly. "You are no more married than I am."

(To be continued.)

The Dement family were travelling through Arkansas in a wagon. They camped one day on top of a hill, and the father went off to fish in a stream a mile away, leaving his wife and two children to mind the horses and baggage. When he returned he saw a prairie fire moving up the hill. He hallooed to awaken Mrs. Dement and the children, for night had fallen and they were asleep. They found themselves approached on one side by flames, while on the other was a precipitous rock. They endeavored to escape by climbing, but had reached only a little hight when the fire scorched them, and they met a horrible death in sight of the powerless father.

THE MARTYR PRESIDENT.

THE EVENT OF SIXTEEN YEARS AGO—A SOUTHERN [PAPER'S ACCOUNT—THE AVENGER'S STORY.

Sixteen years ago, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, was assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth, the actor—a deed which shocked the whole civilized world. Last session I roomed within a short distance of the theater in which Mr. Lincoln was murdered. It was known a few years since as Ford's theater; now it is a gloomy-looking building, used as a mechanical museum. President Lincoln, with Mrs. Lincoln, a Maj. Rathbone and Miss Harris (who afterward married Rathbone) went to Ford's theater to see Laura Keene in the play of "Our American Cousin." A man was seen to go into the box occupied by the presidential party, when suddenly a pistol was fired—the muzzle evidently held behind the ear of Mr. Lincoln, where the ball entered. Rathbone tried to seize the man who fired the shot, but he drew a knife and cut Rathbone and leaped to the stage below, brandishing a knife and hissing the words with tragic effect, "Sic semper tyrannis." It was J. Wilkes Booth. The audience sat paralyzed, which gave Booth an opportunity to escape to the alley entrance, where, it is supposed, a horse was ready for him. Booth got out of the city and went by the house of Dr. Mudd, who dressed his sprained or broken leg which he received in jumping from the box to the stage. Dr. Mudd was tried and sent to the Dry Tortugas and afterward released. The pursuers tracked Booth and a companion to a farm. When found, Booth refused to come out and surrender, but his companion pleaded with Booth to let him go out and surrender, which Booth did, after upbraiding him for his cowardice. Booth had a carbine, and resisted, and was shot dead. His companion—Asterikx (or some name spelled like it)—was brought back and hanged with Payne and poor Mrs. Surratt in the arsenal grounds here, now a beautiful spot on the banks of the Potomac.

The public has never known definitely what became of the body of Booth. It was reported that it was taken out to Hampton Roads and sunk in the sea; and now it is said that it was afterward delivered to his brother Edwin Booth, and is now buried at Baltimore. Many people still believe that Booth is alive, but this is only a sensational story. The general impression is that his brother afterward obtained the body and had it buried at Baltimore.

Edwin Booth, the great actor and brother of the wild, reckless, erratic Wilkes, never comes to Washington. He has never played here since the tragedy in which his brother bore so prominent a part. He will never come again to Washington. Several times since the occurrence he has played in Baltimore, but that is as near Washington as he will ever come. To him, Washington only presents a sad and gloomy drama, and the public here and elsewhere appreciate his delicacy, or his repugnance, to visit a scene which could only recall sadness and sorrow to him.

The son, who was in the room standing at the bedside of his dying father on the night of the 14th of April, sixteen years ago, is now the secretary of war in Garfield's cabinet—Robert Lincoln. *Washington Corr. Galveston News.*

Boston Corbett's Story.

After they had tracked Booth over the river and through the woods and fields for days, at length he was discovered in a barn. The demand for surrender was answered with the sullen silence of contempt, scorn, and defiance. First then the soldiers were standing a few paces from each other all around the barn, every man with a pistol in his hand. Suddenly Corbett saw Booth raise his carbine, as if he were going to shoot some one outside, when, quick as lightning, Corbett raised his pistol, fired at the presidenticide, and the next moment he was lying on the hay from a wound in exactly the same spot where he hit Lincoln. In the next second Booth was dragged out, stretched on the ground away from the burning barn—the next he was dead. Corbett told me that Booth never spoke after he shot him, and that all the nonsense of his dying words was mere clap-trap of sensational writers. The moment the officers saw that Booth was dead they inquired for the rash fellows who had disobeyed orders, for it was their purpose to take him alive and have a grand state trial, and all that, after the manner of the great historic English regicide trials in the time of James II. Boston Corbett had spoiled that sport. All eyes were turned to Corbett, for the soldiers on his side of the barn pointed him out as the guilty one, and he was placed under arrest. From that hour he never had a moment's peace. The pistol with which he had killed Booth was that night stolen from him, but the holster was left, and he had it at my house. His share of the prize was likewise stolen from him the day he got it—every cent of it.

From the moment Corbett killed Booth he was a doomed man. One disaster followed another. He was treated with scorn by his officers and neglected by the government, and his share of the reward he lost. It never did him any good. He was stopped on the road by masked men, a pistol put to his breast, and he was required to dismount and surrender his hard-earned money the very day he received it. He was stripped of his clothing and every dollar he had. This was on his way to Washington. The officers there, wild with rage at him for depriving them of the pomp and circumstance of leading Booth in captive alive, and parading him through a long public trial, of which they should be central figures, felt like persecuting him further; but better counsels prevailed, and he was released and permitted to retire from the service branded and disgraced. From that hour to this, army officers speak of Corbett with contempt. He has been driven from post to pillar. He preaches with a pistol in his pocket. After he says his prayers he lies down with a loaded revolver under his pillar. He moans pitifully all hours of the night. It almost seemed to me my house was haunted while he was there. Although he was a good man, and pure and devout Christian of spotless life, I declare I was glad when he was gone, he was so unhappy, so uneasy, so strange. He is no lunatic. He is no fool. He is a good man every way. But wherever he goes he says Nemesis pursues him, and the troubled spirit of revenge will not let him rest.

He is in constant fear of assassins. Threatening letters follow him everywhere. I saw one dated "Hell" and signed "Booth," and saying: "You will soon be here." Such letters reach him every day. He is never in so obscure a town where they do not find him, containing all manner of threats. He complained bitterly and justly of the neglect with which the government treated him. It gave him no pension. It gave him no office. He is a poor man, a hatter by trade. He never married. The last I heard of him was in Philadelphia, when with characteristic daring he rescued a young girl out of the hands of villains in a lonesome alley. It was like [illegible]. He was so poor he had to raise money here to pay his way back to Philadelphia. Let no one suppose that it was remorse that made him unhappy. Not a bit of it. He is proud that he killed Booth. Nor let any one suppose that it is regret, for he told me the Lord told him to do it, and the Lord directed the shot. He believed that, if Ingersoll cannot. Gen. Hammond asked him how in the world he happened to send the bullet to the same spot, exactly to the tilting of a hair, where the fatal bullet found the life of Lincoln. "The Lord directed it," was his only answer, and he believed it. Take it all in all, it was the most wonderful story I ever heard from human lips.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

PROUD BIRDS.

Peacocks have been domesticated fowls for a great many years, but have not degenerated and lost their original tints or shape as have the barn-yard fowls and ducks, and, to some extent, the turkeys. Nevertheless, travelers tell us that the wild peacocks are far handsomer than the tame ones. It seems impossible. The peafowl is a native of India, and some of the islands of the Indian or Malayan archipelago. Various parts of Java abound with them, yet there are none in Borneo nor in Sumatra, though these islands are close by. But then, some other birds of the family to which the peacocks and pheasants belong, occur plentifully in Sumatra and Borneo, and are unknown to Java.

On the mainland of Asia, peacocks of some sort—for there are half a dozen species—abound, from southern India to the northern table-lands, and even through the high passes into the forests and steppes of Thibet. Our domesticated variety is the common one in India, where it is known as the crested peacock. The peacock of Java is different, "the neck being covered with scarlet-like green feathers, and the crest of a different form," but the eyed train is equally large and beautiful. The remote Thibetan species has a lesser train, and its general color is white, upon which ornamental feathers are distributed in a most striking manner. These birds prefer wooded districts, especially low, tangled, thickety forests, partly cane and partly hard-wood growths, called "jungles," and there they congregate in large flocks.

The food of these birds, like that of the argus pheasant and other such fowls, consists of seeds, small fruits, buds, or the juicy tops of tender plants, and insects—particularly beetles. To get this food, the peacock, of course, spends much of his time on the ground, and he is sometimes caught there by being run down with dogs, or by men on horseback. He can make a good speed on foot, however.

The nest is a rough little heap of grass and straw, placed on the ground, and hollowed out enough to keep its dozen eggs from rolling away. The young are at first as dull-colored as the hen, and it is only after the third year that the male gets his full regalia.

It would seem as if a bird carrying so long and cumbersome a train would find it difficult to mount into the air, but he manages to do so by running a little way upon the ground and then leaping upward.

MUSIC FOR INSECTS.

The following curious theory, which seems perfectly plausible, is advanced by W. M. Williams in his Belgravia article, "Another World Down Here":—

Insects are probably acquainted with a whole world of physical facts of which we are utterly ignorant. Our auditory apparatus supplies us with a knowledge of sounds. What are these sounds? They are vibrations of matter which are capable of producing corresponding or sympathetic vibrations of the drums of our ears or the bones of our skull. When we carefully examine the subject, and count the number of vibrations that produce our world of sounds of varying pitch, we find that the human ear can only respond to a limited range of such vibrations. If they exceed three thousand per second the sound becomes too shrill for average people to hear it, though some exceptional ears can take up pulsations or waves that exceed each other more rapidly than this.

Reasoning from the analogy of stretched strings and membranes, and of air vibrating in tubes, etc., we are justified in concluding that the smaller the drum or the tube, the higher will be the note it produces when agitated, and the smaller and more rapid the aerial wave to which it will respond. The drums of insect ears, and the tubes, etc., connected with them, are so minute that their world of sounds probably begins where ours ceases; that what appears to us as a continuous sound is to them a series of separated blows, just as vibrations of ten or twelve per second appear separated to us. We begin to hear such vibrations as continuous sounds when they amount to about thirty per second. The insect's continuous sound probably begins beyond three thousand. The blue-bottle may thus enjoy a whole world of exquisite music of which we know nothing.

MINE FUNGUS.

A gentleman who recently had occasion to explore the chambers, drifts, and caverns of the old deserted Mexican and Ophir mines says that fungi of every imaginable kind have taken possession of the old levels.

In these old mines, undisturbed for years, is found a fungus world in which are to be seen counterfeits of almost everything seen in our daylight world. Owing to the warmth of the old levels and to the presence in them of a certain amount of moisture, the timbers have been made to grow some curious crops. Some of the fungi in the old chambers are several feet in hight, and, being snow-white, resemble sheeted ghosts. In places that at a little distance appear to be white owls, and there are representations of goats with long beards all as white as though carved in the purest marble. The rank fungus growth has almost closed some of the drifts.

The fungi are of almost every imaginable variety. Some kinds hang down from the timbers like great bunches of snow-wi[illegible] pulpy [illegible] rise fro[illegible] the drift[illegible] somethin[illegible] ground at [illegible] years ago. The[illegible] have in several places raised from the ground rocks weighing from ten to fifty, and even 100 pounds. Some of the rocks have thus been lifted more than three feet.

In the higher levels, where the air is comparatively dry, the fungi are less massive in structure than below, and are much firmer in texture. Some resemble rams' horns, as they grow in spiral or twisted shape, while others, four or five feet in length and about the thickness of a broom handle, hang from the cap timbers like so many snakes suspended by the coils. One kind, after sending out a stem about the thickness of a pencil to the length of a foot or two, appears to blossom; at least produces at the end a bulbous mass that has some resemblance to a flower.

In all the infinite variety of these underground fungi, it is somewhat strange that not one was seen at all like those growing upon the surface in the light of day. Nothing in the nature of toadstools or mushrooms was found.—*Virginia City Enterprise.*

BRAVE FIREMAN.

The most hair-raising episode that ever happened to a New Mexican mountain railway train fell to the lot of Conductor Blessingham recently, on the west slope of Gleritta summit. The train comprised nearly thirty loads, and as it entered upon the descent, Jake Brown, the engineer threw on the brake, but found it was broken, and would not work. Brown called for brakes, but the train men had already set every one, and realized that the train was beyond their control. Seeing that nothing could be done to stop the mad course the train was going, Brown jumped from the cab while going at the rate of *sixty* miles an hour, and landed seventy-two feet distant, actual measurement.

Blessingham, who was on the caboose with Pawnee Charlie and wife as passengers, fearing that the train was going to destruction, cut his way-car loose and checked it with the brakes, while the train continued its velocity down the long grade. The fireman stood at his post like a hero, and while the engine was plunging down the flight at a giddy speed, he crawled out on the foot board and poked sand through the sand-box, thinking that it might assist the wheels in getting a grip upon the rails. As the train sped around Material curve, which is "short and steep," the velocity was so great that the locomotive ran on one rail, and overbalanced so great that it came within an ace of losing its equilibrium. The brakeman on deck were obliged to lie flat and cling to the running boards for safety. For six miles those badly frightened men stuck to the ship and faced the horrors of death. Below Canoncito is a natural basin, with three miles of level track, and it was on this stretch that the runaway train was mastered and stopped.—*Western Ex.*

NEW LUBRICATOR.

A new article of manufacture has recently been introduced in England in form of "solidified oil" for lubricating purposes. This new substance is said to possess some valuable and special characteristics. Although solid, the oil is soft and to a large extent unaffected by cold or heat. It does not become fluid until the temperature to which it is exposed reaches 212° F., the boiling point of water; and it can be made to reach a still higher melting point if required. It contains no acid and leaves no deposit in steam cylinders. When passed into the feed water, through the exhaust pipe, it has the effect of preventing incrustation in steam boilers. It neither gums nor clogs on exposure to air or heat. It is applicable to all purposes where tallow can be used, and, weight for weight, will last four times as long and is three times as economical. It is said to possess considerable power of cohesion, which renders it peculiarly well fitted for perpendicular surfaces.

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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 1881.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

ASHLAND.

Geo. Washburn of Goffstown, formerly of Ashland, was buried here last Monday.

The measles are very prevalent here now, besides which many are ill with colds, &c.

Samuel Goss and son have recently inherited quite a sum of money from a relative.

David H. Smith, administrator of the estate of J. P. Howe, advertises the sale of a lot of land belonging to said estate, May 28 at 9 a. m.

John W. Norton, proprietor of the Asquam House on Shepard Hill, is there making arrangements for his summer boarders. R.

Charles Hodgdon is at work at Bailey's.

The Ashland band will furnish music Decoration Day.

George Fuller, of Boston, is driving Cotton's rockaway.

Scribner's brick block is being shingled by W. P. Norris,

Patrick O'Neil has sold his house to Martin Flemming and is going to move to Laconia.

The Blodgett Glove Co. are rushing business.

George Hodgdon is driving a job team.

German measles are raging here now.

A. E. Porter and John S. Drew are going to serve ice cream this season.

90° in the shade Tuesday.

Osello Clay has moved to West Plymouth.

J. F. Draper & Co. are doing an extensive business. They turn out nearly 1,500 skins per week.

Farmers are progressing finely with their spring's work.

The Ashland band gave an open air concert on Saturday evening of last week.

Jim Jordan has a sign saying, "Livery and Sale Stable."

A. C. Tebbets has just hung out a new sign.

Joseph Smith is giving his house a coat of paint.

Hughes & Huckins have sold their celebrated family mare to H. D. Smith, of Plymouth.

Wilder & Co. are putting in a foundation for a new mill.

George Sargent has put his barn into position.

One of our young ladies recently went trouting.

John Ernest has taken the agency for the Adams & Westlake oil stoves.

Capt. John Durgin, of Haverhill, Mass., formerly of the 12th regiment, will deliver the oration Decoration Day.

Sam Damon is driving a team for S. C. Baker.

O. W. Keyes Post, No. 35, G. A. R., will hold a grand fair for the benefit of their relief fund, at the Town Hall, Friday evening, May 20. Music by the Ashland Sextette band. Programme: Chorus, Marching through Georgia, by comrades, band accompaniment. Tableau, picket scene, comrades. Reading, Miss Vittum. Music, promenade, Tableaux, in two scenes, comrades. Prizes: A large number of valuable prizes, including a $24 chamber set, one cut sheeting, one-half barrel of flour, &c., will be given to holders of prize tickets. Prize tickets, price 50 cents, entitling holder to one chance in each of these prizes and admission to the fair, will be for sale by the committee and comrades until the fixed number is sold. In addition to these: Frosted cake to the homeliest man in the hall; 100 prize cakes of maple sugar, a prize in every cake, one containing a gold dollar; a good black Kossuth hat for the highest roll on "Devil Among the Tailors;" fish pond, post office, guess bottle, guess cake. Prizes on exhibition in hall. Flower stand, fancy table, ice cream, lemonade, coffee, and usual refreshments. Admission, 15c. Doors open at 7 o'clock.

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WENTWORTH.

Mrs. Debbie Beman is visiting her father, Dr. A. A. Whipple.

Mrs. Bowles has been in town.

Nellie Chase is at home.

Mr. A. Kimball has moved into the Hibbard house. The sister of Mrs. Kimball, Miss Etta Colby, will remain with her for a few months. We are glad to have them for neighbors.

Blanche Hall has returned from her visit to Boston and various other places of note.

Miss Emma Merrill, of Plymouth, is teaching the village school, Edward Tenney on the east side, Abbie Libbey in the Ellsworth district, and Martha Colby on Atwell hill; all called excellent teachers.

Deacon Dean is repairing his house, preparatory to taking summer boarders.

Report says several of our young people (and some not so young) are soon to leave this State for the State of —well, no matter.

Ma. Levi Davis, who has had his hand badly injured, is now able to be out and resume the care of his work. His family have all been sick with the measles; Mrs. Davis dreadfully sick, but is convalescent. At the time of writing, Auburn Simmons is sick of the same disease, as also is Mr. J. Ford and children; Mr. F. being very sick. It is easier to tell who has not got them than who has.

The wreath of Mayflowers which was found at the door of the correspondent's humble cottage on the first morning of May, was beautiful. Will the unknown donor or donors please accept many thanks.

Communion last Sabbath.

Mr. Wm. Davis has returned from Boston, where he has been to purchase goods.

Miss Ann Whitmore and Miss Abbie Whitcher are teaching in Orford.

Mr. Samuel Moulton died the fifth, aged 91 years, and was buried Sunday. Funeral services by Rev. C. W. Dockrill. He was a good man, and a devoted christian. "He has gone to his home like a well ripened sheaf." His son, Mr. Charles Moulton, has watched over him with filial affection, kindly and ever tenderly caring for him in his declining years.

Mr. Edwin L. Glynn, who has been foreman on the section twenty-four years, has left and been working at East Concord. TEMPLAR.

Rev. B. M. Tillotson will preach in Wentworth the fourth Sunday in May, the 22nd inst. That will make 18 successive years in each of which he has preached on the fourth Sunday in May, and all but one have been pleasant Sundays.

CAMPTON.

David, son of Rev. Q. Blakely is quite sick with a relapse of scarlet fever.

Mrs. Lois C. Blaisdell is recovering.

C. W. Cook has had his store reshingled and is reshingling his house. Nathan P. Cotton is doing the work and does it well.

Geo. F. Blaisdell is reshingling the Town house.

Geo. H. Little was seriously injured last week by being thrown from his carriage by a runaway colt which he was taking home from Rumney to train.

The ministers' meeting at the Congregational church was thinly attended on Tuesday on account of the rain. W.

Mrs. E. H. Keniston, wife of our energetic tax collector, has a cactus 6 feet 2 inches high, that is growing finely and has produced brilliant blossoms as large as a saucer.

The auction sale of homesteads and lands for taxes will occur May 30 at one o'clock, p. m. at J. W. Morrison & Son's store at the village.

Edgar Merrill returned from Boston last week, taking with him Moody Merrill's carriage horse. He is now making farther repairs on the old place, getting things in readiness for friends who are expected soon from Boston.

William Page when last heard from was at Deming, Arizona. He reports that a bridge was washed out on the direct road from Chicago to Kansas city, which gave him about 200 miles extra to get round it, and that as he crossed the Mississippi the water was up over the bridge about two feet. Also that the Missouri river was very high and that as he followed down beside it almost to Kansas city it had overflowed its banks and covered the track so that the cars had to wade quite a distance.

Rev. C. W. Nelson's stock of boys is considerably reduced this spring. Joe is at work for Alfred Cook and Wesley for Isaac Johnson, which leaves the Rev. gentleman with out small boys for housework.

Simeon Walker numbered among the sick last week. He was attended by Dr. Kelley.

Mr. Samuel E. Johnson, who has been out of health for some time has so far recovered as to be out again.

WOODSTOCK.

Sanborn's drive of logs left here May 5 under the management of Thomas Grey of this town.

French, Latin, German, Greek and English. What next?

The Woodstock Literary Society met at the residence of T. J. Gilman, May 3.

Picked parties, birthday parties, surprise parties, are the fashion this year round in this town.

Many of our farmers have planted their potatoes.

Nellie P. Bryant is teaching in West Thornton. JESTUS CONRAD.

WARREN.

Joseph Liberty, a young Frenchman in the employ of Asa Warren at Warren Summit, left here in an intoxicated condition Friday evening of last week to walk home on the track. He was found the next morning dead, a mile above Weeks' crossing, his body and clothes cut in two, five trains having passed over him. It is supposed that the Montreal Express killed him.

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BRIDGEWATER.

There will be preaching at the schoolhouse in district No. 3, on Sunday the 22nd. All are cordially invited.

The raising of George Fletcher's ell to his barn took place Saturday of last week.

The jurymen of this town this year were Moses F. Morrill and Moses M. R. Mitchell.

The summer term of school in district No. 3, commenced Monday the 9th, under the instruction of Miss Ida Pillsbury. A good school is expected.

Mr. James Cross from 17 sheep has had 28 lambs and all are alive and doing well. F. A

The Lake View House, Wm. P. Beede proprietor, has been let for the season to C. E. Woodman of Boston. Mr. W's extensive experience in hotel life will doubtless enable him to successfully anticipate the wants of the traveling public.

The snow has left us in this part of the town. The ice in Newfound lake broke up the 30th of April, which is several days earlier than usual. This was caused not by warm weather, for we have had very little so far, but by the perous nature of the ice, it being composed mostly of snow and water.

Our abundant burden of snow has disappeared without the aid of rain which is considered as indicating a dry season.

It is very much desired that our fish commissioners will stock this lake with the red English trout now in the hatching house at Plymouth in preference to Winnipesaukee, as they can be protected here better than there. The land locked salmon put in the brook near the residence of W. H. Sargent by Com. Powers in 1879 are not all dead as some have been seen this spring. They are almost 5 inches long; some of them are in the brook like speckled trout, and will take the hook as readily, but we sincerely hope that all anglers who take them will suffer the extreme penalties of the law. The warden at least will see that they do. W. H. S.

CENTRE HARBOR.

Oliver Graves and Lizzie Knowlton were married on the 9th instant.

Mrs. Sutton is in town at her summer residence. Mrs. King, her niece, and daughter of Mrs. Clement, will be missed in the family circle here, she having died last winter a little more than a year after her marriage. They have the sympathy of this community.

Mr. Bates has begun work improving his land.

Mr. Wilson has set out quite a number of maple trees.

Mr. Frank Locke is building a wood house and stable.

The Lake House is being reshingled and Lutheran windows put in.

C. S. Coe is building a sugar house for Mr. Huntress. Mr. H. has been using a kind of roof paint, a compound of porgie oil and ground slate. A roof painted five years since shows no sign of decay. Mr. H. lost a valuable horse by being choked with a halter in the stable.

Mrs. O'Brien has bought a lot of D. W. Coe, on which she will build a house this season.

A May ball came off on the 2nd inst. There were people in attendance from Laconia, Meredith and Sandwich.

Hiram Cass moves to Ashland this week. SCRIPSI.

ELLSWORTH.

The farmers are about done sowing. We have had a fine rain which will start along the grass.

When Samuel Sherburn was breaking up he ploughed out potato bugs.

We have had a racket in town lately and we do not wish for any more.

Mr. Warner Downing's boys have returned to Vermont where they have been this winter. They came down to attend the funeral of their mother.

NEW HAMPTON.

The recent rain storms have been gladly welcomed here.

There are about 35 scholars attending the town school this term.

Mr. Whidden has newly shingled his house.

Mr. C. H. Dickerman is making extensive repairs on the house commonly known as the "Thompson house."

The Smith Emmons place, otherwise known as the "haunted house," was bought at auction last Saturday by Manley Burpee. XERXES, JR.

EAST HEBRON.

It is a fine growing time now. The grass is doing well and the farmers are getting along well with their work.

We have make some sugar here this spring. J. E. Hartford has made 2,600 lbs.; J. W. Morse, 1100 lbs.; Edwin W. George, 2300 lbs.; Edmond W. George, 2100 lbs.; G. W. McClure, 2000 lbs.

The steamers have commenced to draw lumber down the Lake.

J. C. Sanborn has sold his farm to C. P. Sanborn and is going to move to Lyme.

Geo. Russell has moved up from Manchester and is going to live with the old folks.

E. Barnard is getting along finely with his boarding house.

O. F. Swain has moved to Concord to work on stone.

A. Culley is fixing up his house G.

THORNTON.

Rev. O. W. Kimball, pastor of the Baptist Church at Campton Village will preach at Mad River district next Sabbath at 3 p. m. and every other Sabbath for the present.

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Elijah Swett has early potatoes whose tops will measure six inches in height.

Mr. John N. Kinne has been appointed collector.

By the kindness of the selectmen we have been favored with the following statistics as per inventory April 1:—Number of polls 167; valuation of real estate, $96,054; 125 horses, $6,131; 132 oxen, $5,588; 229 cows, $4,743; 221 other neat stock, $3,674; 1479 sheep, $4,276; stock in trade, $4,442; mills and machinery, $6,300; money at interest, $7,346; number of dogs, 82, $32; number of carriages, 13, $730.

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The penstock has been covered.

T. S. Moses sells oil stoves low.

S. A. Ladd has sold "Sunny Side."

Dr. George Sanborn has been sick.

Dr. Mason and wife have returned.

J. F. Beede has returned to college.

Our firemen are to have new helmets.

Rev. N. S. Palmeter is fast recovering.

Ernest Bemis is clerk at the Elm House.

B. Dearborn has a fine new milk wagon.

Jerry Cotton's new house progresses.

Daniel Norris sells soluable Pacific guano.

Newell Prescott works in the Ashland depot.

O. S. Piper is now ready for carpenter work.

There is a call for a bell upon the school house.

J. W. Beede's store improvements are progressing.

Mr. Roby had his fingers crushed at the mill recently.

Mrs. S. J. Brown has the latest styles of millinery.

Webber's Boston Comedy company is expected soon.

A. V. Pendexter has improved the interior of his saloon.

Both the Gracie and Mr. Worrall's barge have been launched.

O. S. Piper is remodeling the interior of the Savings bank.

Our band made a good impression in Lake Village at the fair.

Col. Haynes, of Lake Village, speaks here Decoration Day.

Miss E. L. Stowell's Kindergarten class is making good progress.

The Blue Ribbonites are going for the farmers who sell cider.

Miss Mary Shaw recently died in New Hampton, aged 81 years.

W. J. Collins' son who was run over by a wagon recovered.

S. A. [illegible]'s land and $10 to build a sidewalk by the Post Office.

I. C. Boynton's hand was somewhat hurt recently in Wadleigh's mill.

Freeman Bixby is delivering about $1,000 worth of trees about here.

The Old Folk's concert on Wednesday evening was a successful affair.

E. T. Blake made over a thousand pounds of sugar this season from 170 trees.

Rev. J. M. Durgin, of Haverhill, Mass., will deliver the Decoration Day sermon.

Hodgson's boiler room was flooded the other night by the breaking of the penstock.

Harry Leighton is operator at the depot during a short absence of Miss Emmons.

J. M. Beede goes to Kansas soon as a representative to the I. O. G. T. convention.

There will be no decorations Memorial Day, as funds cannot be raised for them.

The Robinson arithmetics are being introduced into the schools in exchange for the others.

J. R. Quimby sells the Adams & Westlake oil stove. May be seen at C. H. Colby's and B. F. Shepard's.

A team backed off the bank by Charles Prescott's new house lately and turned a complete somersault.

Moody Roberts was lately accidentally stabbed in the hand by a pitchfork in the hands of his brother Ben.

Dr. Palmer has returned from northern N. H., and has moved into Mrs. Osgood's house where he will soon open an office.

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Cheese, lb.,	12	18	Maple Sugar, lb.,	8 @	11
Chickens, lb.,	10	12	Hay, ton,		14 00
Eggs, doz.,		15	Corn, bu.		60
Lard lb.,	10	15	Oats, bu.,		50
Potatoes, bu.,	50	60	Flour, bbl.,	5 50	9 50
Pork, lb.,		7	Corn meal, 100 lbs.	1 40	
Hides, lb.,		7	Pork, salt,	6	14
Calfskins, each,	40	60	Molasses,	40	75
Sheepskins, "	40	80	Vinegar,		20
Honey, lb.,	20	25	Wool, wash. lb.,		40
Tobacco, lb.,	40	1 00	Sugar, lb.,	8	13
Prints, yd.,	9	10	Cider, bbl.,	1 50	3 00
Cot. Cloth, yd.,	5	15	Kerosene, gal.,	17	30
Candles, lb.,	13	17	Tea, lb.,	25	75
Shorts, 100 lbs.,	1 40		Coffee, Rio, lb.,	17	25
Flannel, yd.,	30	60	" Java, lb.,		30
Straw, 100 lbs.,		35	Mutton,	4	7
Rye, bu.,		85	Raisins,	10	20
Potlock,		4	Ducks,	6	50
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Hams, smoked,	12	14	Maple syrup,	90	1 00
Geese	8	12	Onions,	3 00	2 50
Salt coarse,		60	Cod fish,	3	4
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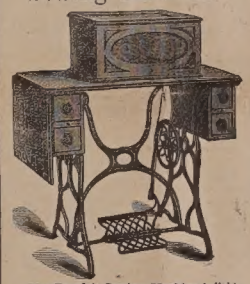

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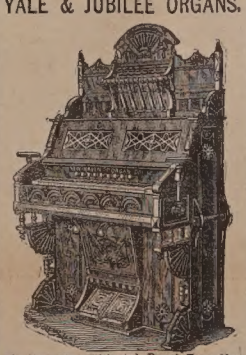

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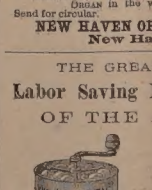

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THE FARM.

A rather moist soil and a season not too hot are the best for oats, barley and spring rye, consequently they should be sown early, that they may get their growths before the hot, dry weather sets in.

Never use the curry comb on a horse's legs below the knee and hock. A corn broom is best, since it takes out the dirt and does not hurt the horse. When the curry comb and common brush are all that are used to clean the horse, its legs will seldom be found properly cleaned.

There seems to be no question that polled cattle can be bred at least ten per cent. cheaper than the horned. They are harmless as sheep and exceedingly tractable. They can be transported to market at less cost and much more comfort to themselves than the horned. When slaughtered, their meat always brings the top price, and their hides, being entirely exempt from holes and scars made by the horns of their associates, also bring more money. It would seem as though the introduction of such a breed was a matter of national importance.—*Western Farm and Home.*

There is one thing which nature does not supply and which civilization renders quite necessary to fowls. It is charcoal. Charcoal made of wood does not answer the purpose. It has no taste of food, it is not attractive to fowls, and is seldom eaten. But if any one will put an ear of ripe corn into the fire until the grains are well charred, and then shell off the corn and throw it to the flock, he will see an eagerness developed and a healthy constitution brought about, which will make a decided improvement. All pale combs will become a bright red, the busy song which precedes laying will be heard, and the average yield of eggs greatly increased.

The cheapest meat for the farmer, says an exchange, is mutton. It may safely be said to cost nothing, as the fleece from a sheep of a good breed will pay for its keeping. Then, for additional profit, there is a lamb or two, the pelt of the animal, if killed at home, the excellent manure from its droppings, and the riddance of the pasture from weeds, to which sheep are destructive foes. With the exception of poultry, mutton is also the most convenient meat for the farmer. A sheep is easily killed and dressed by a single hand in an hour, and in the warmest weather it can be readily disposed of before it spoils. Science and experience both declare it the healthiest kind of meat.

In some places farmers are now busy shearing their fat wethers, while many shear their whole flocks at this season of the year. The sheep are not washed before shearing, but the wool contains much less grease now than when the sheep are shorn in June. The flesh side of a piece of wool looks better, though unwashed, when shorn early, than some specimens shorn later after being washed. In the process of washing, more or less dirt and stain is carried from the tips of the staple down into the bottom of the fleece, giving it a dull appearance. Unwashed wool changes very much in appearance, whether exposed to the air or not, as the yelk or grease becomes more yellow and has what may be termed a rancid appearance.

There are a few implements upon a farm which are more useful than the roller, and yet it is too seldom found on our farms. In some towns there is scarcely a roller to be found. Yet this implement aids in pulverizing the soil as much as the harrow, if it is passed over the land before the harrow is used. If seed be rolled in, the roller not only presses all the small stones below the surface of the land so that it can be easily mown with the machine, but it presses the soil close around the seed, thus hastening vegetation. If passed over the mowing at this season of the year the roller levels all inequalities, leaving the ground in good condition for the operations of both mowing machine and rake, and is likely to save a great many dollars in the ordinary repairing of mowing machines and in the grinding of the knives.

From the valuable work entitled, "On Ensilage of Green Forage Crops in Silos," by H. R. Stevens, the well-known proprietor of the remedy "Vegetine," we clip the following: "Since I began to feed ensilage, I give no hay: each cow has its fifty to sixty pounds of ensilage per day, with six quarts of shorts; add to this, for milch cows, two quarts of corn-meal; this is for a day's feeding, fed morning and night; at noon half a peck of beets or carrots. Cows that are dry, and young cattle, no meal, turnips in place of beets or carrots. I had one Jersey cow that gave four quarts of milk per day up to the time of calving. She brought forth a fine healthy calf; the calf is now four weeks old, and has improved as well as, if not better than, when the cow was fed upon hay. The cow has been fed upon ensilage all the time, with six quarts of shorts per day, gives a good flow of milk and, looks finely."

Before sowing grass seed, the farmer should make certain of having a good seed bed. More mistakes are made concerning the preparation of land for grass than for any other crop. It is no uncommon thing to see a farmer simply running over a plot, where potatoes were grown the previous year, with a cultivator, then following with a harrow. We have seen extreme cases where even the harrowing was omitted, the seed sown immediately after the cultivator, then simply bushing in the seed, leaving it to make its way as best it can. Others will use a one-horse plow to turn under the corn butts, getting in the seed with as little labor as possible. In our experience the best practice is to plow a good deep furrow, followed by a thorough harrowing, and after sowing to bush the seed in and use the roller faithfully. When timothy and redtop are sown, it is best to use a bushel of redtop, a peck or eleven pounds of timothy, also adding six pounds of red clover, which amounts to a very liberal seeding and should yield a fair crop of hay about the first of September.

A sturdy-looking boy applied for work last November at Wittenburg's farm near Forestville, Mich., offering to give his services in return for his keep. The offer was accepted, and for some time the youth labored well and faithfully, chopping wood and doing all the hardest kinds of work like a man. Then he accepted an offer of board and $6 a month at another farmer's, and for a time worked equally well there; but one morning he was missing, and no explanation for his disappearance could be imagined until, the other day, an old woman came along that way to look for her runaway daughter. Then it was discovered that the supposed boy was a young woman.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

John E. Plummer, in the superior court at Portland, has recovered $5100 from the Eastern railroad for personal injuries, and his wife $1900, being hurt at the same time.

The town of Anson has repudiated its issues of 6 and 7 per cent bonds, on the ground that they were illegally issued, and a Portland bank has brought action against the town.

Chief Justice Appleton, now 77 years old, contemplates a tour through Europe in 1883, and on his return will go to farming.

Hannibal Hamlin, now that he is relieved of senatorial duties, is rejuvenating. Last week he attended two balls, and danced "with as much nimbleness and enjoyment as the youngest man in the hall."

The directors of the Maine Central railroad have re-elected George E. B. Jackson president.

J. W. Sargeant's block and F. M. Ross's drug-store in Kennebunk were burned recently; Sargent's loss $4000, insured for $1500, Ross's loss $4000, insurance $2000.

Of the 300,000 sea salmon now being hatched at the Bangor hatching-house, all but 50,000 or 60,000 will be placed in the Penobscot river at Medway, the others going to Saco.

Sadie Lord, a Clinton girl of 16, recently walked in her sleep on to a railroad track, and narrowly escaped being killed by the cars.

An epidemic prevails among sheep in Kennebec county. They are taken sick and die in a day or two.

Wild geese are plentiful along the Machias river. They tell of two sportsmen killing 21 at one shot.

New Hampshire.

The trial of Ellery Albee, the defaulting treasurer of the Winchester savings bank, has been continued from the April to the October term of the court.

Prof John H. Hewitt has accepted the professorship of Greek in Dartmouth, and resigned his place in the Lake Forest university of Illinois.

The supreme court of the United States is the important suit of the Bartlett land and lumber company against Daniel Saunders, to recover a large and valuable tract of land in the eastern part of Grafton county, has decided for the defendant.

Rev. T. H. Smithers of East Washington has accepted a call to the Free-will Baptist church of South Strafford, Vt.

New Lebanon, with the largest unoccupied water-power in New Hampshire, has voted unanimously to exempt from taxation for 10 years all new capital invested in manufactures. Large purchases of real estate have already being made by parties proposing to invest.

A large two-story dwelling-house near Hanover, owned by Eli L. Darling, was burned a few days ago; loss $2000, insured.

The following members of the state board of equalization have been appointed: E. W. Drew of Stewartstown, Jewett Connor of Exeter, W. Butterfield of Concord, J. M. Parker of Goffstown and E. S. Cutter of Nashua. August 11 is assigned as the day for the taxation of telegraph companies, and August 22 for the taxation of railroads.

All the Protestant churches at Laconia are without pastors.

Vermont.

The tax list for Rutland shows that the Vermont marble company is valued at $1,050,000, and that in the town there are 12 to 15 lists over $100,000 and 40 over $50,000. It is thought that the new list will foot up $15,000,000, as against less than $4,000,000 last year.

A census bulletin shows that Vermont last year produced 6630 tons of steel and and iron, ranking 26th among the states, against 1525 tons and the 34th rank in 1870. The amount of capital invested is $410,000, and the value of products $372,300.

There will be present at the teachers' meeting at St. Albans in July Dr. J. L. M. Curry of Richmond, Va., the agent of the Peabody fund, Julia Ward Howe, ex-Senator J. W. Patterson of New Hampshire, state commissioner of public schools, and other well-known persons interested in education.

Rev. Henry Bedinger of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the new pastor of St. Thomas's Episcopal church of Brandon.

Frank McCullough, stabbed by Mercier at Burlington, is dead. Mercier exhibited no particular emotion when informed of his death, and still clings to his assertion that he had no knife and did no stabbing. Previous to his death McCullough made a statement to Sheriff Drew and also made a declaration to State's Attorney Bingham and City Attorney Ballard. "I don't want you," said McCullough, "to do anything to this man who stabbed me, and remember I don't put anything against Mercier."

Two robbers entered the house of G. O. Davis at Marshfield recently, stole watches, money and jewelry, and shot Mrs. Davis in the arm.

Massachusetts.

There is a movement on foot in Boston to establish there a temporary home for women discharged from the prison at Sherborn, that they may be surrounded by good influences until employment is found for them.

The library of Tufts college will receive 1000 volumes from the sale of the late Rev. E. H. Chapin's library, purchased with funds given President Capen for that purpose.

Taunton's city council has voted $30,000 for a city hall site.

The laborers at the Cape Ann quarries have won in their struggle for a reduction of a day's work to 10 hours, and work has been resumed.

A company has been formed on Cape Cod to manufacture ice.

Two South Boston policemen have been condemned to pay $452 and costs for arresting a woman on a serious charge without sufficient evidence.

One hundred and twenty-five pairs of socks knit by her own hands, is the useful bequest of a Marshfield spinister to a bachelor relative.

Rev. Phillips Brooks's life is said to be insured for $100,000 in favor of his church.

There have been several incendiary fires in Cambridge lately.

The Lowell mayor and aldermen have voted not to issue any liquor licenses, excepting to druggists. All the saloons are closed, and a crusade against the liquor traffic has begun.

W. F. Hathaway was found dead in a ditch at Marblehead recently. It is supposed by many that he was murdered for his money, as he generally carried considerable with him, and his pockets were found to be empty, but the medical examiner, after an autopsy, says that he was killed by drowning, as the wound on his head was not sufficient to cause death.

The Adams small-pox scare is revived by the breaking out of nine new cases. The quarantine regulations are daily violated by relatives of the sick, who refuse to keep from visiting the patients. There have been 21 cases within two weeks.

Boston talks of having a world's fair four years hence.

Rhode Island.

Trinity church of Bristol has called Rev. Mr. Odell of East Providence.

The will of the late Sarah M. Briggs of Providence leaves $1000 each to the old ladies' home, old men's home and the children's friend society of Providence.

The city auditor of Providence estimates the amount to be raised by taxation the coming year to be $1,679,957, for which a tax rate of $1.45 will be necessary.

Joseph Austin was drowned in East Greenwich recently.

Daniel Miller, a carpenter, died recently at the Rhode Island hospital from injuries received by a fall from a building in Pawtucket three weeks ago.

Twenty-five boys employed in the mule-room at the Globe mill, Woonsocket, struck recently for more pay. On being refused, two-thirds of them resumed work.

Henry Owens of Killingly, Ct., and a party of roughs, stoned the house of one Burgess, just over the state line in Rhode Island, on a recent Sunday night, after being turned out for creating a disturbance. Burgess, after a fair warning, fired at Owens with a shotgun, inflicting probably fatal injuries.

Connecticut.

North Stonington boasts of an ox that has eaten nothing for seven weeks and amuses himself daily by jumping over four-rail fences.

Fifty new buildings are going up in Danbury, largely on account of the railway boom.

Litchfield county roads are still badly blocked by snow.

The water commissioners of Hartford have purchased 211 acres of Dead swamp in Farmington, to serve as an additional reservoir for their water supply. The price averaged $7 per acre, and there are 16 more acres to be appraised.

A New Britain photographer is experimenting with taking pictures by the aid of the electric light, and is confident of perfect success.

A signal service corps is to be organized in connection with the national guard.

A flock of 50 sheep in Middle Haddan have been killed on account of the discovery of a lung disease caused by the presence of a worm.

Members of the 5th Connecticut volunteers are hoping to obtain the $100 bounty which has been long demed them by a ruling of the war department.

Dr. John A. Paddock of Norwich, the new bishop of Washington territory, begins his work under domestic affliction, his wife having died on the journey.

The meeting of the dissenting first mortgage bondholders of the Connecticut Valley railroad at Hartford recently decided to notify the company not to place another mortgage on the road and the state treasurer not to receive, as trustee, any such mortgage, and to caution the public not to purchase any bonds that may be issued purporting to be secured by such mortgage.

P. J. McGuire, a noted labor agitator, formerly of New Haven, has been arrested in St. Louis for assault with intent to kill.

Willimantic, too, has formed a landlord's association to keep a black-list of bad tenants.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

The Senate committee on foreign relations referred the resolution which proposes to assert that the consent of the United States government is a condition precedent to the construction of any interoceanic ship canal across the isthmus connecting North and South America, to Senator Burnside as a subcommitte, with instructions to examine and report it back to the full committee.

Gen. Sherman has appointed a board on the subject of artillery equipments, which has been under consideration for some time. Gen. Tidball of Gen. Sherman's staff is to be president of the board.

Admiral Porter has been placed again at the front in the management of the navy.

New York bankers express a desire to have the coinage of larger denominations of gold at the mint than is being coined at this time.

The President, Postmaster-General James and Attorney-General MacVeagh are determined to go to the bottom of the star route jobberies, no matter who is hurt, and there is also good authority for the statement that while the jobbers pretend to each other to be standing together, overtures have already come from some of them to consult and by their revelations place the government in possession of important and decisive evidence against others on condition of their own security.

Attorney-General MacVeagh has rendered an opinion declaring that the Postmaster-General is the sole arbiter in deciding what are and what are not fraudulent lotteries, and may stop letters addressed to lottery companies.

Additional articles of agreement have been concluded between the United States and Canada for the purpose of preventing evasion by publishers of the United States postal laws.

The descendants of Gen. Washington object to the proposed location of a monument to mark the birthplace of "The Father of His Country."

There is a dispute concerning the ownership of the city of Deadwood, Dakota. The land is said to be mineral land, and therefore not subject to entry.

Deposits for the reduction of national bank circulation and to the credit of the five per cent. fund, are hereafter to be made in United States notes only.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

While the crew of the German training-ship Mars were engaged in artillery practice at Wilhelmshaven, a German naval station in the North Sea, a shell exploded during the operation of loading a gun, killing six of the cadet crew and wounding twenty others.

Chinese officers and crews have arrived in the Tyne to man six swift steel-turret vessels built there for China.

Ten Mormon elders arrived in New York recently from England with 200 Mormon converts bound to Salt Lake City.

J. W. Rose of the Kentucky state board of agriculture reports that the prospects of the crops of strawberries, peaches, pears and appies are very good. Cherries are all killed.

During a storm of hail and lightning in Louisville four school-boys, from 12 to 14 years old, playing base-ball during recess at Twenty-sixth and Market streets were killed by lightning.

The grand duke Nicholas of Russia has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, for proved complicity with nihilism.

A new comet was discovered by Prof Lewis Swift of Rochester, N. Y., recently, in constellation Andromeda, right ascension no hours no minutes, declination north 37 degrees. It is very bright, of fair size, and is moving in a southerly direction. This is the first comet discovered this year.

The Tunisians have proclaimed a holy war against the French invaders.

A free thinkers' national convention has been called to meet in Hornellsville, N. Y., on Aug. 24, to remain in session five days.

The Liberal (newspaper) in Madrid, Spain, states that a Catholic congress will be held in October, which will be attended by Catholic notabilities from every part of the world.

Fresh excesses have been committed against the Jews at Argenau, West Prussia, but the gendarmerie have restored order. A number of Jewish families have fled.

Dillon the Irish agitator has been arrested in Dublin.

The New York police commissioners are now under trial for not cleaning the streets properly.

Most of the boss bakers in New York have yielded to the demands of their striking employes and resumed operations.

Very deceptive counterfeit cagles are circulating, one bearing the date of 1868, being a gold coin hollowed out and filled with base metal.

Owing to the announcement that certain sea-side hotels near New York have issued orders to prevent Hebrews from being guests, a bill has been introduced into the state Senate to prevent, "discriminations by hotel keepers against persons on account of race, creed or color."

The British gunboat Dotterel was blown up recently in the straits of Magellan, and of 200 souls on board only 11 escaped.

TRUE LOVE.

Does love pay? Yes—and again no. It all depends on the kind of love and the mental strength of the lover. A marriage which has in it every element of misfortune, of discomfort, of future disintegration, as the arguments against, and only the personal passion of two young people for each other as that for it, is an investment which will scarcely give very large dividends of happiness. To be sure there would be a stretch of barren years to pass through—an arid waste of sighs and tears and blighted hopes and misery generally—were common sense to step in and forbid the banns. But which is the better—this pitiful passage through the Valley of the Shadow, to come out into either the living sunshine or the mild placidity of the moonlight when you have gone fairly through it, a marriage which begins in a transport of delight, and ends in a whirlwind of disappointment and despair? Friends could see that it would never do. She was incapable, he was extravagant, and the two ends, which she could not make meet by clever management, he still further drew apart by waste. She was light and pleasure-loving; he was serious, home-staying, too grave for her frothy youth, too blase for her keen enjoyment. One or the other must give way; which will it be?

To either the sacrifice will be great, and one which time will render more intolerable. To her society is her charm, because here she scores her triumphs to him, home is his delight, because here he conquers his difficulties and advances in his chosen career. To force her to share the solicitude of his life is to cage a skylark and chain a squirrel; to make him give up all his studies, his precious time, his grand aims and high endeavors, is to degrade the highest qualities of the human mind and to be faithless to the noblest trust that can be given unto man. All this cool onlookers could foresee; but to the man and woman themselves—her eyes and winsome ways fascinated him; his repute, his gentleness, his handsome face, and the poetry of his love fascinated her. And they married, despite the difference between them, to find that this was not the kind of love which pays.

But true love does pay. It is the best investment of all, save conscience and the sentiment of duty. These are the treasure-houses of life, the great market wherein the shares are always rising. And when one is faithful to the law of one's own conscience—when one is loving and believed—one can then say emphatically: "The investment has been good—the game is worth the candle—it pays, yes, it pays!"

IMMENSE LOCOMOTIVES.

Ten iron giants for the Pennsylvania railroad company will be built this summer at Altoona. They will be much larger and more powerful than the ordinary passenger engines, and are to be built for the particular purpose of the road where there are long stops. On the fast run between New York and Philadelphia, for instance, the time allowed is so short that when there are unusual stops letting off and getting on passengers the ordinary engines cannot make it up. Hence a monster locomotive known on the road as "No. 10" has been built as an experiment and tried on different trains to see what can be done. The result has been satisfactory, but there are many improvements that suggest themselves which will be carried out in the construction of the other heavy engines that are to follow.

In the slang of the railroad yard, No. 10 is known as the "Long-legged loco." This comes from the big driving wheels she rides upon, which stand six feet six inches above the rails, or higher than a tall man with a silk hat on. She has two pairs of drivers forged for her by Herr Krupp, the famous cannon maker. In this is supposed to have been solved the highest aim that can be sought in a locomotive—to pull the heaviest trains over all grades against stiff winds and with the least possible liability toward hot boxes or low steam on the quickest schedule time. Her engineer says: "She goes like a bird and rides like a rocking chair." Ever since it has been running, this engine has been making a mile in fifty-seven seconds on up grades with a long train in tow without getting heated. She makes more than a mile a minute and "keeps cool." Of course there is a great consumption of fuel. In 180 miles 12,000 pounds of coal are used up. The water tank contains 3000 gallons, 400 more than is usually carried. Everything else is on a proportionately large scale. Only the delay in getting boilers sufficiently large has prevented the completion of two others of nearly the same pattern.—*Philadelphia Times.*

The state department at Washington has recently issued the correspondence had with European countries for the past twelve years, on the subject of emigration to this country of the pauper and criminal classes of various Eastern nationalities. From this it appears that Switzerland has given cause for most of the complaint, four-fifths of the correspondence having been had with the authorities of that country. Mr. Fish, the charge d'affairs at Berne, Switzerland, in this correspondence states that the ratio of the cases of objectionable emigration — the pauper and criminal classes—was to the total emigration in 1879 and 1880, in each nationality, as follows: One to 30,538; German, one to 23,848; Italians, one to 18,086; Swedish, one to 12,546 and Swiss one to 443 2-3.

A Rat in the Telegraph Service.

A telegraph inspector recently pressed into his service a rat under the following peculiar circumstances: It was necessary to overhaul a cable of wires inclosed in iron tubes. A certain length of the cable had to be taken out of the tube, and the men commenced hauling at one end without having taken the precaution to attach to the other a wire by which it might be drawn back into the tube after inspection and repairs. The question arose how the cable was to be restored to its proper place, and here the ingenuity of the inspector was manifested.

He invoked the aid of a rat catcher, and, provided with a large rat, a ferret and a ball of string wound round on a Morse paper drum, he repaired to the opening in the tube. The "flush boxes" were opened, and the rat, with one end of the string attached to his body, was put into the pipe. He scampered away at a racing pace, dragging the twine with him until he reached the middle of the length of pipe, and there stopped. The ferret was then put in, and off went the rat again until he sprang out of the next flush box. One length of the cable was thus safe, and the same operation was commenced with the other; but the rat stopped short a few yards in the pipe and boldly awaited the approach of the ferret. A sharp combat here commenced, and it was feared that one or both of the animals would die in the pipe. But, after sundry violent jerks had been given to the string, the combatants separated; the ferret returned to his master, and the rat, making for the other extremity of the pipe, carried the string right through, and so relieved the inspector from his anxiety.

THE MARKETS.

BOSTON.

Flour—Western Superfine	$4.00 @	4.25
Common Extra	4.25 @	4.75
St. Louis	4.60 @	4.50
Corn	.55 @	.51
Oats	.50 @	.56
Butter—Fair to good	.17 @	.19
Selections	.19 @	.20
Cheese—Choice Factory	.14 @	.14 1-2
Fair to good	.13 @	.14
Skims and Common	.06 @	.12
Eggs—Eastern and near-by	.13 1-2 @	.14
Western	.13 @	.13
Potatoes	.75 @	.85
Hay	17 00 @	23 00
Rye Straw, per ton	25 00 @	26 00
Pork—Mess	16.75 @	22.00
Beef—Mess	10.50 @	11.00

NEW YORK.

Flour—Superfine Western	3 90 @	4 50
Common to good extra	4 80 @	4 90
Good to choice	4 95 @	6 75
Corn—Ungraded	.53 @	.53 1-2
Oats	.45 @	.52
Rye	.81 1-2 @	.82
Pork—Mess	16.25 @	22 50
Butter—State	.11 @	.24
Cheese—State	.09 @	.12 1-2

WATERTOWN UNION LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MARKET BEEF—Choice, $8.00 @ $8.75; extra, $7.00 @ $7.75; first quality, $6.00 @ $6.75; second do., $5.00 @ $5.75; third do., $4.00 @ $4.75.

STORE CATTLE—Farrow cows, $15 @ $35; fancy cows, $50 @ $65; working oxen, per pair, $160 @ $165; milch cows and calves, $30 @ $45; yearlings, $7 @ $12; two-years, $13 @ $22; three-years, $20 @ $30.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—In lots, $2 50 @ $5.00 each; extra, $6.00 @ $6 50; lambs, 5 1-4 @ 7 1-4c. per lb.; veal calves, 3 @ 6c. per lb.

Classification of Cattle and Sheep.—Choice bullocks include nothing but stall-fed, from 1400 to 1600 lbs. Extra and first quality includes the best, large, fat oxen. Second and third quality includes oxen, three to four years old steers. Extra sheep includes coseets when free of inferior quality are thrown out.

THE EYE.

Dr. Thomas R. Pooley reports some interesting experiments with the magnetic needle for detecting foreign substances in the eye. He concludes: 1. The presence of a steel or foreign body in the eye, when of considerable size, and situated near the surface, may be determined by testing for it with a suspended magnet. 2. The presence and position of such a body may most surely be made out by rendering it a magnet by induction, and then testing for it by a suspended magnet. 3. The probable depth of the inclosed foreign body may be inferred by the intensity of the action of the needle near the surface. 4. Any change from the primary position of the foreign body may be ascertained by carefully noting the changes indicated by the deflection of the needle.

[Des Moines, Iowa, State Register.]

We notice the following in an exchange: Mr. G. B. Haverer, foreman N. Y. & N. H. S. B. Co., suffered for eight days with terrible pain in the back, almost to distraction, until he heard of and used St. Jacobs Oil, one bottle of which cured him completely.

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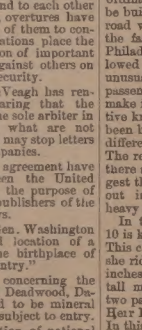

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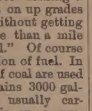

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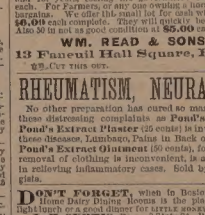

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